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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES (HUMAN AND OTHER) FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES

REF: STATE 52415

1. AN OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH RAILWAY QUESTIONS IN THE DIRECTORATE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION OF THE MINISTRY OF EQUIPMENT INFORMS US THAT NO REGULATIONS OR OTHER RULES HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN FRANCE TO GOVERN THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES FROM RAILWAY CARS. THE ADMINISTRATION'S WISHES IN THIS REGARD ARE EXPRESSED IN SIGNS POSTED IN TRAINS INVITING PASSENGERS NOT TO FLUSH THE
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TOILETS WHILE THE TRAIN IS IN THE STATION.

2. THIS OFFICIAL ADDED THAT WASTE MATERIALS DISCHARGED ON THE ROADBED APPEAR TO BE ADEQUATELY NEUTRALIZED BY EXPOSURE TO THE WEATHER AND NO PUBLIC HEALTH OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED. A SPECIAL PROBLEM WILL BE

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POSED, HOWEVER, UPON COMPLETION OF PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY THAT WILL PERMIT FRENCH NATIONAL RAILWAY COMMUTER TRAINS FROM THE SUBURBS TO ENTER THE PARIS SUBWAY SYSTEM TO PERMIT PASSENGERS TO MAKE RAPID CONNECTIONS WITH SUBWAY TRAINS IN THE CITY'S CENTER. DISCHARGE OF WASTE MATERIALS FROM THE COMMUTER TRAINS WHILE IN THE PARIS SUBWAY TUNNELS OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT BE TOLERATED. CURRENT THINKING IS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM BY LOCKING THE TOILETS.

3. AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN BASED IN PARIS WHO REPRESENTS AMONG OTHER COMPANIES AN AMERICAN MANUFACTURER OF SELF-CONTAINED TOILET INSTALLATIONS USED ON AIRCRAFT INFORMED US THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FRENCH NATIONAL RAILWAYS CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF THESE TOILET UNITS FOR INSTALLATION ON THE ULTRA-RAPID TRAINS TO OPERATE ON THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL LINE TO BE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN PARIS AND LYON. THESE TRAINS WILL TRAVEL AT SUCH HIGH SPEED THAT DISCHARGE OF WASTES IN THE PRESENT, TRADITIONAL FASHION WOULD SULLY NOT THE ROADBED BUT THE UNDERSIDE OF THE RAILWAY CARRIAGE. WHILE THIS WOULD OF COURSE ALLEVIATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE, IT WOULD MAKE FOR A RATHER MESSY ARRIVAL AT THE TERMINUS.
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